

THE SPOTLIGHT

ALEXANDER HAMILTON VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

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NEW CHAIRMAN

Mr. Norman Rubinstein assumed the duties of Academic Department Chairman on September 10, when classes resumed. He comes to Hamilton from Junior High School 57, where he was assistant principal for the last three years

No, look again! It's not a missile base under construction. It's Hamilton! On their return from vacation, students were surprised at the tremendous amount of work which had been done during the summer. Although work continues without a halt, there is still much to be done. Students and teachers have been inconvenienced, but this is necessary, if our goal is to be achieved. When the work is completed, and the workers have left, Hamilton will be a new school in every respect, and its students will be proud to attend it.

Before this, Mr. Rubinstein taught English at Food Trades Vocational High School for twenty years, where he coached the handball team.

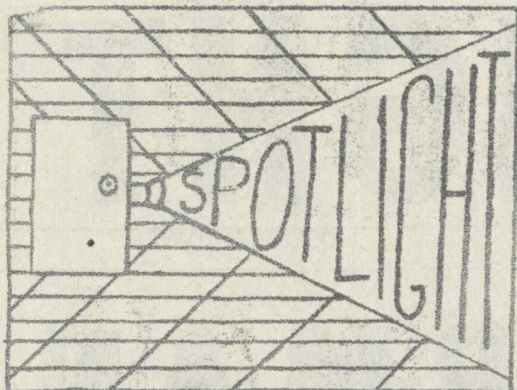
Our new chairman holds a bachelor's degree from Brooklyn College, a master's degree from the City College of New York, and has worked towards a doctorate at New York University.

Mr. Rubinstein is happy to be at Hamilton and thinks that most of our boys are good students. He hopes to see a richer program of extracurricular activities, once the school's condition is back to normal.

Walter Marusic

NEW SCHOOL NAME

At a meeting in June of this year, the Board of Education formally changed the name of our school from Alexander Hamilton Vocational High School to Alexander Hamilton Vocational and Technical High School. The New York State Board of Regents has authorized the change. The school obtained tentative approval of its technical course in architectural and mechanical drafting, two years ago. Since then, we have been giving entrance examinations to applicants for the technical course. However, the change of name could not be made formal until certain improvements were made. Now our modernization is providing us with the required shop, laboratory, and technical equipment to meet the demands of more specialized work. Our new status implies the selection of only the best students for our technical and vocational courses. A long and successful life to Alexander Hamilton Vocational and Technical High School!



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Dear Boys,

As you read this, you are familiar with the problems and conditions of which I spoke when I talked with you in the auditorium on the first day of school. We are indeed in the midst of "times that try men's souls."

The difficulties caused by the modernization of Hamilton will be with us for some time—probably for the rest of this school year. You will face the noise, the shifting of classrooms, the dust and dirt, the presence of many workmen and mechanics, the scaffolds and ladders in rooms and corridors, the sights and sounds of construction through all of this time. However, you will see progress; the new will take the place of the old; your classrooms and shops will take on a new and better aspect. Your school will become a better and safer place in which to study, work, and learn.

As we live together through these difficult days, I am more and more pleased by your cooperation, your good behavior, and your "taking things in stride." Try to carry on as we have

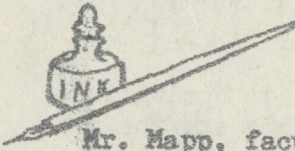
begun and to continue school as usual doing our best with the situation in which we are. Continue to observe the rules of common sense and safety as you have so far.

Try to keep your eyes and ears open to what is going on about you. Our school is literally a living laboratory of the skilled trades. Observe and then ask questions of your teachers.

One more word: school as usual also means your classes, your books, your studies, your marks. Give your school work all of your attention. Work and study hard; see that your first report card is a good one—the best you've ever had.

Sincerely yours,

Abraham Wilner
Principal



Mr. Mapp, faculty advisor for the Spotlight, is looking for writers, photographers, typists, and artists. Perhaps you don't think you can write or draw well but give yourself a chance. Newspaper work may reveal your hidden talents. Working for the Spotlight will develop your abilities and will also give you service credit. If you wish to join the staff, see Mr. Mapp in the library.

IN AND AROUND THE LIBRARY

Although individual passes have not been issued as yet, the library is open to boys during the home room and lunch periods. New books are being added to the collection and may be borrowed for home use. Extra funds have come to the library under the National Defense Education Act for the purchase of library materials in the fields of science, mathematics, and foreign languages. As a result, the library has many new books in these areas. Our magazine subscriptions to Life En Espanol and L'Illustrazione Italiana was obtained through this special allotment. The current modernization calls for new shelves, flooring, furniture, and equipment in the library. To make possible this complete renovation, the library will have to be closed some time in the near future.



Mrs. Eigerman

Mrs. Eigerman who has been with Alexander Hamilton since 1947 has a new position as senior grade advisor. Previously acting chairman of the Academic Department, she is now a full time member of the Guidance Office. She works with students, answering their questions and helping them with their problems.

Mrs. Eigerman believes that all students should make it their business to find out what their responsibilities are and what courses are necessary, so that they can make the most of opportunities in the school. "Too many do not concern themselves about courses until it is time to graduate. By that time, it is often too late to get the most out of their high school career", says Mrs. Eigerman.

Joseph Sima



"A simple 'I hate you' would have been sufficient, Maria."



Bernard Jackson at work.

Bernard Jackson spent the summer months working at the Taylor & Company Iron Foundry. His employment was an example of the American Foundrymen's Society's experimental apprentice training program between the industry and the vocational schools. Bernard's skill at the trade and his gentlemanly ways were a credit to the school. Mention of his work at Taylor will be included in a forthcoming issue of Modern Castings, a trade magazine published by the American Foundrymen's Society. According to Mr. Levesque, similar summer employment opportunities will be available for other qualified foundry students.

**** WOODWORKERS ****

Mr. Driver refers to some of his former carpentry and woodworking students with understandable pride. Douglas Hampton, a June 1962 graduate, is one of the many students he has helped to obtain a job in the trade. Hampton, now a member of the A.F.L. Carpenters and Joiners of America local 246, won the school's woodworking award. Equipped with a diploma, his earning capacity is now approximately three to four dollars an hour.

VACATIONS

Mr. Gair travelled to Springfield, Illinois to visit his son who is a radio announcer there. He also participated in a Bible study conference at Winona Lake, Indiana and concluded the summer visiting relatives in the Adirondack Mountains. "I am back and ready to do my little bit", says Mr. Gair.

Mr. Wozniak really outdid himself this time. He visited Niagara Falls, Canada, Grand Canyon, Tijuana, Mexico, and the World's Fair in Seattle, Washington. Of his tour, he says, "I enjoyed my trip and was impressed with the immense vastness of the United States."

As a member of the Air Force, Mr. Zaslofsky took a military tour. He spent two weeks in Southern Germany, and ten days in France, with brief stopovers in England, Scotland, and New Foundland. Later, after touring New York State with his family, he was off to a military meeting in San Francisco. This delayed his return to Hamilton. With his usual humor, Mr. Zaslofsky quipped, "I came back to Hamilton for a rest."

Mr. Grossman spent his summer in the country, working as an arts and crafts instructor at a camp in Port Jervis, New York.

Mr. Hauser, our Spanish teacher, combined travel and work. He visited Bolivia, Ecuador, and Peru. In Ecuador, he studied at an institute for teachers. Mr. Hauser had an opportunity to observe the Incas, a race of ancient South American Indians, who ruled Peru before the Spanish conquest. While there, Mr. Hauser learned to speak an Indian language known as Quichua.

Jeff Weiner and Chris Castore

NEW FACES

Our new music teacher, Mr. Rison, is a graduate of Tilden High School, Brooklyn College, and Manhattan School of Music. Previously a substitute teacher here, he liked the administration and students so much that he chose to return. Mr. Rison enjoys piano and singing and has recently organized a choral group, which meets after school.

Mr. Steinberg, a new math teacher, has taught in several New York high schools such as Haaren, Richmond Hill, and Commerce. A teacher for sixteen years, he holds a B.A. and master's degree in education from City College. At present, he is taking advanced work in mathematics. Mr. Steinberg enjoys swimming, handball, reading, and solving crossword puzzles. He is also a Yankee fan. "On the whole, Hamilton students are well behaved and disciplined," says Mr. Steinberg.

Mr. Stark, a new member of the Academic Department, teaches American history and world geography classes. After graduating from Tilden High School, he attended New York University, where he received his B.A. and M.A. degrees. "I am very favorably impressed with Hamilton", said Mr. Stark.

Mr. Howell came to our school to teach mechanical drafting. Although he has instructed boys in a non school organization, this is his first vocational high school assignment. Mr. Howell was educated at Morris High School, City College, and Stevens Institute of Technology. Ten years experience as a draftsman and designer, further qualifies him for his work. So far, our new drafting teacher is pleased with the students and the school.

The latest addition to an outstanding faculty is Mr. Cohen, a graduate of the High School of Music and Art and Brooklyn College. Writing and folk singing number among his interests. Although teaching under present conditions is hectic, Mr. Cohen enjoys life at Hamilton.

Mr. Zwerling is another new member of the faculty. He graduated from Long Island University with a bachelor of science degree in biology and is currently working on a master's degree in physiology. Mr. Zwerling, who teaches general science and basic math to Hamilton's students, finds them a cooperative group. His second interest is the study of history. His favorite sports are swimming and baseball.

MR. MILOWITZ

Mr. Milowitz returned to Hamilton to teach English and history, after serving with the army for almost one year. During his absence from Hamilton, Mr. Milowitz was stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina and Fort Holabird, Maryland. When queried about his army stint, Mr. Milowitz indicated that he was glad to be back in New York.

Another teacher who returned to Hamilton this term was Mr. Sorokin. He had been teaching health education at Junior High School 117 for the last two years. Previously, he had been a member of Hamilton's faculty for seventeen years. In addition to his other duties, Mr. Sorokin will be in charge of all senior social activities.

Robert De Clara

Mr. Zenchek

SOCCER

A soccer team has been newly organized under the guidance of Mr. Zenchek. The team has a number of capable players including Elias Stambolis, Noel McMenamy, Stan Lada, Andrew Maniecki, Tom Flanders, and Ferdinand Correia. For the first game of the season, Hamilton was matched against Bushwick, last year's division champion. Although Hamilton was defeated five to one, the team played a fine game, with Stambolis scoring for Hamilton. Once they gain more experience, the team expects to do even better.

We play East New York, October 18, Wingate, October 22, Boys High, October 25, and Automotive Trades, October 29. Although the team has sufficient members to meet varsity requirements, Mr. Zenchek would like additional players.

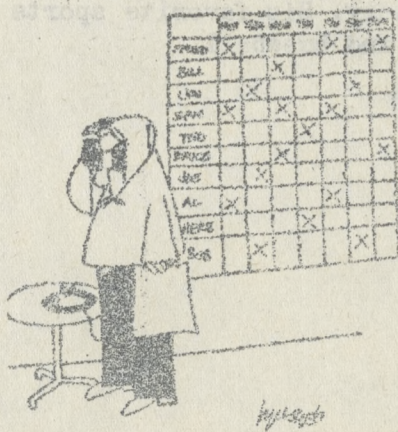


Dominick Trapani and
Richard Jezykowski

The G.O.

G.O. faculty adviser, Mr. Rothman feels that Hamilton might do well to write and adopt its own written constitution. All students might gain more from their general organization under such an arrangement. In the past, the G.O. has not functioned as well as it might because of insufficient funds. Mr. Rothman hopes with the help of the new student administration to plan new ways of helping Hamiltonians. He also believes that if students were to pay slightly higher G.O. dues, they would be doing their school and themselves a service.

Joseph Sarabella



"Does she have a date?
One minute, I'll check."

SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS

Mr. Boeschen, who coaches the bowling team, expects a good season. Last year, members of the team played as well as they could against top competition. As a result, they are now more experienced and are ready for success in the coming year.

Frantz David

The fencing team's poor showing last year may be attributed to a lack of experienced foilsmen. Most of the skilled fencers having graduated, left the team with mainly new players. Mr. Blatt coaches about twelve boys after school on Mondays and Thursdays, in the gymnasium. Agile and athletically inclined boys are invited to stay after school and try out for the team.

James Kasprzak



Mr. Barad has high hopes for the cross country team which placed sixth in the borough last year. His hopes are based on Mike Wallace, leading runner, and other team members such as Gilbert Jones, Paul Welch, Kestutis Januskevicius, and Ed Maughan. There are three college sponsored meets this year, all to be held at Van Cortlandt Park. Mr. Barad wants more boys to try out for the team to take the place of graduates. He also wants to see more Hamilton boys in attendance at meets.

Patrick Toomey

The horizon looks bright for the swimming team consisting primarily of first and third term students. Last Year's team members will act as leaders this term, encouraging and helping their new teammates. The captain and co-captain are John Roddin and John Alessi, respectively. Mr. Pulera, the coach, plans to build the team in the months ahead so that Hamilton can expect some future winners.

Ronald Dordoni



"When should a baker stop making doughnuts?"

ANSWER:

"When he gets tired of the hole business."

'Teahouse' On TV

"The Teahouse of the August Moon" will be presented on N.B.C.-TV on October 26. David Wayne, John Forsythe, and Paul Ford, three leading players from the original Broadway production will recreate their roles. John Patrick's comedy is about the democratization of an Okinawan village at the end of World War II.



Trying to toe the line, Forsythe is often thrown by the Okinawans' non-conformity. Here he offers an old woman a ride in his jeep, only to find he must take her cartons and a stubborn goat aboard.

INQUIRING REPORTER

QUESTION:- What were your first impressions of Hamilton? (Asked of new students.)

Chester Dziuba 1B - I enjoy all my classes and the students in them. I plan to major in sheet metal and join the rifle team.

Mike Czerniawski 1A - I like the school, the shops and the teachers. I intend to major in electrical wiring and join the bowling team.

Henry Rascoe 3C - I think it is a good school in which to study a trade. I want to further my education in mechanical drafting and participate in the chorus.

Douglas Quinn 3B - I plan to have a good attendance record and high marks in my subjects, wherever possible. I expect to be active in sports.

Lester Latka



"When may a chair be said to dislike you?"

ANSWER: "When it can't bear you."